

AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 101**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution authorizing the use of approximately 0.274 acre (11,961 square feet) for a wastewater line, approximately 0.35 acre (15,269 square feet) for a temporary work space and approximately 0.126 acre (5,500 square feet) for a temporary staging and storage area site to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line for construction of a portion of the Waller/Pedernales Area Wastewater Improvement Project through dedicated parkland known as the Metz Park, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Austin Clean Water Program, on behalf of the Austin Water Utility and the Public Works Department, is proposing to install approximately 897 linear feet of 36-inch wastewater line and replace 20 linear feet of existing 15-inch line with new 15-inch wastewater line in the park. The line will tie into an existing 42-inch wastewater line at a junction box southwest of Pedernales Street. The new line will supplement an existing 15-inch line. This project will also include a temporary staging area to reduce the amount of construction time in the park.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". Austin Water Utility is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation will be included as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman were December 16, 23 and 30, 2007.